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SUBJECT: ISRAEL IN UNESCO REGIONAL GROUP, MASS MEDIA

DECLARATION, SPANISH POSITION

1. SPANISH AMBASSADOR UNESCO (PEREZ HERNANDEZ) PAID CALL ON PERM DEL TO INFORM US OF DECISION OF GOS ON ISRAEL ISSUES COMING UP AT CEN CONF.

2. ON THE REGIONAL ISSUE, AMB HERNANDEZ SAID THAT IT HAD BEEN DECIDED THAT SPAIN WOULD VOTE FOR ISRAEL IN THE EUROPEAN REGION ONLY IF IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY SUPPORTED BY OTHER WESTERN MEMBERS. HE SAID THAT IF ANY VOTED NO, OR ABSTAINED, SPAIN WOULD ABSTAIN. HE SAID THAT VOTE OF FRANCE IS PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT TO SPAIN, BUT REPEATED THAT UNANIMOUS MEANT ALL OF WESTERN EUROPEAN STATES.

2. WHEN ASKED WHETHER SPAIN WOULD ABSTAIN IF, FOR INSTANCE, MALTA OR CYPRUS DID NOT VOTE "YES," AMB HERNANDEZ SAID THAT ACCORDING TO HIS INSTRUCTIONS SPAIN WOULD ABSTAIN. WE ONCE AGAIN IMPRESSED THE SERIOUSNESS WITH WHICH WE ATTACH REGIONAL ISSUE AND SUGGESTED IT MIGHT BE BETTER FOR SPAIN TO FOLLOW THE NINE RATHER THAN
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BE CAUGHT ON THE HOOK OF REQUIRING FULL UNANIMITY.

HERNANDEZ AGREED TO COMMUNICATE OUR VIEWS TO GOS.

3. ON MASS MEDIA, HERNANDEZ SAID IF SUBSTANCE OF
DECLARATION COMES TO A VOTE SPAIN WILL BE ABSENT.

4. ON JERUSALEM AND OCCUPIED TERRITORIES, HERNANDEZ SAID
SPAIN WILL VOTE WITH THE ARABS. HERNANDEZ SAID HE DID
NOT THINK GOS WOULD CHANGE ITS POSITION ON THESE POINTS.

5. WE URGED HERNANDEZ NOT TO GET REGIONAL ISSUE MIXED
WITH THOSE DIRECTLY PERTAINING TO THE MIDDLE EAST AND
HOPED HE WOULD BE ABLE TO OBTAIN A CHANGE OF
INSTRUCTIONS WHICH WOULD PERMIT A POSITIVE VOTE FOR
ISRAEL.

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